



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Jakob P. LEY et al.

Serial No.: 10/517,197

Filed: December 8, 2004

For: USE OF ALKYLAMIDOMANDELATES AS :  
FLAVOURINGS :

Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: S. Kumar

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the August 31, 2006 Office Action. In the Action, claims 1-14 and 16-19 are rejected. The pending claims in this application are claims 1-14 and 16-19, with claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 13, 16 and 17 being independent. In view of the following comments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

**Rejection of Claims 1-13 and 16-19**

Claims 1-13 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the article by Walpole et al. or the article by Wood et al. Walpole et al. and Wood et al. are cited for allegedly disclosing similar compounds to those recited in the claims. The rejection is based on the position that it would have been obvious to produce homologues of the compounds disclosed in Walpole et al. or Wood et al. with a reasonable expectation of producing a successful flavoring composition.

Walpole et al. and Wood et al. do not disclose or suggest adjacent homologues or lower or higher homologues of the claimed compounds as suggested in the Action so that the